

What is the Real Cost of the Clinton Health-care Proposal?

One of the biggest costs of President Clinton's health-care proposal is the loss of American jobs. In addition to job losses resulting from employer mandates in the proposal, increasing the federal excise tax on cigarettes by 75 cents a pack would have a devastating employment impact.

Various studies and surveys show that employer mandates in the Clinton Administration's health-care proposal would destroy between 2,000,000 and 3,000,000 jobs:

- According to a nationwide survey by the International Mass Retail Association, employer mandates in the health-care proposal would put 1.9 million jobs at risk of being eliminated.
- Other studies predict job losses as high as 3.1 million.

Based on data compiled by Price Waterhouse:

- As many as 273,902 tobacco-related jobs would disappear — affecting every state in the nation.
- As much as \$8 billion in tobacco-related paychecks throughout the economy would be gone.

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Some Facts You Should Know about the Clinton Health-care Proposal

Most people would agree that America needs health-care reform. But many argue with President Clinton's proposal.

The Clinton Administration's health-care proposal:

- Creates 105 new entities, agencies, commissions, councils and advisory groups, and expands responsibilities for another 47 groups.
- Adds a new 1.9% payroll tax.
- Does not guarantee choice of a physician.
- Rations health care if/when states exceed their budgets.
- Prohibits coverage beyond government-approved limits.
- Limits coverage for medicines.
- Requires doctors to prescribe medicines on a government-approved list.
- Costs \$700,000,000,000 (\$700 billion!) in new spending from 1994-1999. (That's \$64,000 per taxpayer!)

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